



SAINT NINIAN CATHEDRAL PARISH

Antigonish, Nova Scotia



Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2025

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday- Friday:
8:30am-12:30pm - 1:30pm-4:30pm
121 St. Ninian, Antigonish NS
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Mass Times

Tues-Fri: 9am
Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am and 10:30 am

Confessions

Saturdays: 3:00pm-3:45pm

Parish Pastoral Council
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Our Mission Statement

"St. Ninian Cathedral is the Episcopal Seat for the Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. We humbly welcome all who wish to nurture their faith through sharing the Word, breaking the Bread, and celebrating God's love for us. Guided by the Holy Spirit, our mission is to worship and serve God through prayer and service to God's people, and by striving to live our lives in the likeness and image of God."

COLLECTION INFORMATION

August 31, 2025
Sunday Collection: \$4252.00
Cemetery: \$220.00
Truth and Reconciliation: \$5.00
Pre-authorized payments August, \$ 11402.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday

Special Intention for the Living

Scott MacGillivray, RIP

Wednesday

Kenny Louie, RIP

Mary Kell, RIP

Thursday

Frankie Glenn, RIP

Leonard Pluta, RIP

Friday

Greta MacDonald, RIP

Catherine Fougere, RIP

PASTORS PICKS

This week the school year begins both in our community and at StFX. This September, parishioners and those who are seeking to learn more of the Gospel and the Church can also go back to school. We will begin a 10-week series on Formed called Metanoia for those taking part in OCIA and/or those who simply want to reconnect with their faith. Each week we will come together to watch a video from the series and to discuss our faith. Keep an eye out for when these sessions will take place beginning in mid-September, or call the parish office.

What is Metanoia? In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. This series is beautifully filmed on location in the Holy Land, highlighting sacred places such as the

Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the desert of Temptations, and many of the holy sites in Jerusalem. Each of the 10 episodes explores areas of our life where conversion is so often necessary.

Metanoia will examine topics such as who is Jesus, what must we do to inherit eternal life, and many other significant matters of faith. With preaching from Fr. Dave as well as personal testimonies from men and women, young and old, religious and lay, their stories will inspire you to seek to encounter Jesus and the new life he is constantly inviting us to.

Metanoia is a production of The Ministry of the Wild Goose and 4PM Media in association with Franciscan University of Steubenville and the Franciscan Friars TOR Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Formed is a streaming service that helps dive into the beauty of the Faith at home, on the go, or from any internet-connected device. Sign up for Formed FREE at <https://signup.formed.org/> by finding St. Ninian Cathedral Parish.

OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS

Henricus Bekkers, Clydesdale
Allan MacDonald, Harbour Centre
Patsy Archibald-Pitts, Antigonish
Patrick MacInnis, Antigonish

ST MARTHA'S ALUMNI BANQUET

Wednesday, September 17th at St. Ninian Place.
If you don't have a ticket yet, and you're planning to go, please contact Janet Gottschall, Ticket Chair, at 902-863-9414 or email janetmgottschall@outlook.com. Tickets are \$45 and dues are \$10.
Or e-transfer stmarthasalumni@gmail.com
Hope to see you there.

ST. MARY'S PARISH MARYVALE OUTDOOR MASS

September 20th at 5:15pm. Donations will be accepted. Funds raised will be used for the maintenance of the Church Graveyard.

ARE YOU MAKING PICKLES OR JAMS?

St. Ninian CWL are preparing for the Fall Harvest Weekend on Saturday October 25th and would love to have some for the Pantry Table.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The SNP Main Hall is an underutilized space with great potential to serve the community. We are looking for both volunteers and ideas on how to make better use of this facility.

Whether it's helping with events, sharing suggestions, or simply lending a hand, every contribution makes a difference. If you can help, please contact Valerie Sullivan at 902-870-1907 or Mary Jo Broderick at 902-318-4223.

ST. NINIAN PARISH GRADE 2 - 8 RELIGION CLASSES 2025-2026 START SEPT 24TH.

Grade 2 to Grade 8 classes start Sept 24th, Wednesday evenings 6:30 to 7:15pm. People interested in signing up for Grade 2 (or if this is your first time with us for any Grade) please email religiously@saintninian.ca to obtain a registration form. Fees \$10 per student/\$15 per family.

Forms will be sent out to returning students Please register now so we can plan class sizes!!! Grades 7 & 8 have classes from Sept to Dec. Confirmation forms & fees are separate at \$20 per candidate and started Sept 7th. Leonarda MacNeil of, 902-863-2338 ext 4.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION AT MOTHER OF SORROWS PIONEER SHRINE

Save the date: SEPTEMBER 14

Starting at 1:00 pm with the Continuous Rosary, continuing until 4:00pm Mass in St. Mary's Church in Mabou, Cape Breton. Many prayers will be said for many intentions. Mass compliments of St. Mary's CWL. Inquiries? Call 902-945-2221 The Shrine is open year round. Thank-you for your continued support. Board of Mother of Sorrows Pioneer Shrine.

ST. NINIAN CHOIR

The St. Ninian Choir will resume on Sunday September 14th. If you would like to share your voice please contact Emery Van de Weil at emeryvandewiel@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING FOR ALL MEMBERS

To be held Monday, September 15th in room 18, St. Ninians Place

A DAY OF CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME SATURDAY, OCT. 4

Our Lady of Grace Monastery

10 am: Mass for Care of Creation celebrated

by Bishop Wayne Joseph Kirkpatrick

Followed by light refreshments, then a screening of the documentary Laudato Si' 10th Anniversary and a conversation with the filmmaker, Kevin Moynihan.

The day will conclude with small table discussions guided by Dr. Darlene O'Leary, Martha Justice Ministry, on options and actions we can choose for home and parish

to help heal and nurture our common home.

This Jubilee event is free and open to all ages:

individuals, families, parish volunteers, catechists, and everyone interested in learning more about how to care for our common home. For more information, contact

Jennifer Hatt, jennifer@dioceseofantigonish.ca or

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/living-laudato-si-10/>

PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE

A group of parishioners who assist in planning, preparing, and evaluating all aspects of the parish's liturgical celebrations, ensuring they are meaningful, reverent and enriching experiences for the community. Please feel free to attend our next meeting on Tuesday, September 16th, 6:30PM in Board Room.

SEPTEMBER 30 IS THE NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION.

October is Mi'kmaq History Month.

October 4-5 is the annual collection for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

Support the annual collection, with a parish envelope or a donation online.

How can we journey in Truth and Reconciliation?

Listen to personal accounts of growing up Mi'kmaq in Nova Scotia.

Read letters and documents important to the journey of reconciliation.

These and more are available on our website:

<https://www.antigonishdiocese.com/truth-andreconciliation/ibrary.com>.

COME CHAT WITH YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND MEET NEW ONES!

There will be a coffee/muffin social after 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14 in anticipation of the feast day of our patron St. Ninian (Sept. 16). This is a great chance to chat with fellow parishioners and get to know new faces. If you would like to contribute muffins or fruit please let us know at admin@saintninian.ca.

CELEBRATING AND CALLING ALL WOMEN OF FAITH! OCTOBER 4, 2025. 9AM-4PM.

Come and join us for a special day of hope and spiritual reflection at Our Lady of Grace Monastery.

Sponsored by the Catholic Women's Leagues of St. Ninian, St. Andrew's and Heatherton Parishes, participants will be able to create their own day of spiritual renewal.

Activities on offer will include group sessions with guest speaker, Sister Jovita MacPherson, Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, and the Stations of the Cross.

We are asking that you pre-register and pay the cost of \$10.00 by September 26, 2025.

You will be able to pre-register at the back of the Cathedral at Masses during the next two weekends, September 13-14th and September 20-21st or by contacting the following parish representatives:

St. Ninian Parish: Isabel Gillis at 902-870-3831,

Betty Farrell at 902-863-0463;

St. Andrew's Parish:

Mary Anne Forbes at 902-863-5522; and

Heatherton Parish:

Muriel MacDonald at 902-318-4471.

MEETINGS

Social Meeting

Tuesday September 2nd at 1pm Room 017

St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday September 2nd at 7pm

CARE

Monday September 22nd at 7pm Room 017

Liturgy Committee

Tuesday, September 16th, 6:30PM in Board Room

WEEKLY EVENTS

Vestry Prayer Group

Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm

Rosary

Wednesday after 9am Mass

Flame of Love Rosary - Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Thursday after 9am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday after 9am Mass until 3pm



Prayer to St. Ninian

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servant Ninian you made the light of the gospel to shine in our ancestral land. May we prove to you our thankfulness for his life and labours by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

On the Feast Day of our patron saint, St Ninian of Whithorn, in our prayers, we lift up the people of our diocese.

Message from Fr Danny

This Sunday we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross. Crucifixes are such a common sight in Catholic spaces that we sometimes forget what a powerful symbol they are. Some may see it as odd, and some prefer to see the resurrected Christ on the cross. Our love for the cross is not about the cross itself but about the love of God who turned the cross into a means of salvation.

It's been twenty-four years since the world watched in shock as the attacks on America and the World Trade Center unfolded, a day that reshaped history. For most STFX students today, those events are something they've only read about, as many weren't even born at the time. Back then, people said the world would change for the better—that nations would come together, that peace and security would take root. Looking around now, it's worth asking: has it?

Last Sunday, I attended a farewell gathering for Fr. Thomas Stephen at St. Joseph to join them and the parishioners of Sherbrooke and Lochaber. Fr. Thomas has been such a great support, especially by helping with weekday Masses here in St. Ninian. We're all thankful for his kindness and the time he has shared with our community.

September 16 is the Feast of St. Ninian, and it's pretty special for us because we're actually the only church in Canada with St. Ninian as our patron saint. Fun fact—there's even an area in Judique named after him, called St. Ninian.

This Saturday I will be crossing the water to preside at a wedding in Mabou. Needless to say there will be plenty of good music, the bride is a Rankin!

*God Bless,
Father Danny*